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NEWS RELEASE

Officer Involved Shooting

This information is based on a preliminary investigation. At approximately 2:21 AM, San Antonio Police responded to the Emily Morgan Hotel, 705 E. Houston, for a disturbance in room #810. When officers arrived at room #810, they heard a male and female involved in a disturbance. Officers knocked on the door and requested admittance, but the male refused to open the door. Officers were able to start a verbal dialogue through the room door. As officers were attempting to get the male to open the door, they heard the female make a comment about being stabbed. The officers then attempted to kick the hotel door open, but those attempts were unsuccessful. At that point, officers called for additional assistance, including SWAT personnel, hostage negotiators and a battering ram. When all contact with the female ended, and with the arrival of the battering ram, officers were able to force their way into the room.

As the officers entered the room, they saw a male lying next to a female on the room floor. Officer Paul Armendariz, an 8 year veteran, saw the male actively stabbing the female. Officer Armendariz fired his service weapon multiple times towards the male (suspect) and subsequently struck him with the gunshots. After being shot, the suspect stopped stabbing the female and he was taken into custody. EMS transported the suspect to BAMC, where he was pronounced dead. The female victim was pronounced dead inside the hotel room.

The identity of both the suspect and victim will be determined by the Bexar County Medical Examiners Office. At this point, the relationship between the suspect and victim is unknown.

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Officer Armendariz will be placed on Administrative Duty, which is standard procedure in all officer-involved shootings. The San Antonio Police Department's Shooting Team will conduct the investigation and forward their findings to Police Chief William P. McManus and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office.